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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
2018-3-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed, and does not oppose, the request submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") in the above referenced docket, filed on January 25, 2019.

DEC seeks approval from the Commission to eliminate the requirement in its Renewable Net Metering tariff to install a second revenue-grade meter on net metering customers' premises. According to DEC, a sufficient number of second meters have been installed to allow the Company to study the impacts of net energy metering on its distribution system. Additionally, according to DEC, removing this requirement from the tariff will result in customer savings on the installed cost of their project.

This same request was made by Duke Energy Progress, LLC regarding their Renewable Net Metering tariff in Docket No. 2018-1-E, and subsequently approved by Commission Order No. 2018-456 issued June 28, 2018.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AMB', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-mail)
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)